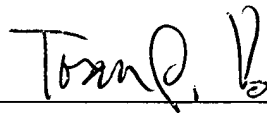


REMARKS

The Office action dated March 9, 2004 has been carefully considered.

Applicant submitted an amendment dated December 8, 2003 in response to the previous Office action dated September 9, 2003. This amendment was alleged to be non-responsive because the entire Equation VIII was added in claim 23 but was not underlined. The instant amendment is submitted to cure this oversight. The entire Equation VIII is now underlined to indicate that this is an insertion.

Respectfully submitted,



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